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AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 10th Day of *February*, 1747.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

This Day the moſt Reverend Father in God Mathew Lord Archbiſhop of York, was, by his Majeſty's Command, ſworn of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Whereas in the Year 1744, there was great Reaſon to ſuſpect, that the Republick of Genoa was entering into a private Treaty with France and Spain, with an Intention to join thoſe Powers, and to aſſiſt them in their military Operations againſt his Majeſty and his Allies; whereupon Vice Admiral Rowley, who at that Time commanded his Majeſty's Fleet in the Mediterranean, did, on the 10th of November in the ſame Year, by a Declaration in Writing, made in purſuance of his Majeſty's Commands, ſignify to the Doge and Senate, that if the ſaid Republick did not obſerve an exact Neutrality, but ſhould either join with, or aid or aſſiſt his Majeſty's Enemies, he the ſaid Vice Admiral ſhould look upon it as a Declaration of War againſt his Majeſty, and ſhould be obliged to treat the Genoeſe as Enemies, and act againſt them in a hoſtile Manner with the whole Force under his Command. And whereas, notwithſtanding ſuch Declaration ſo made in his Majeſty's Name, the ſaid Republick did ſoon after commit Hoſtilities againſt his Majeſty and his Subjects, and did openly join and aſſiſt his Majeſty's declared Enemies, in Violation of that Neutrality which the ſaid Republick had often and ſolemnly promiſed to obſerve; whereupon War enſued between his Majeſty and the ſaid Republick. And whereas in Conſequence thereof, ſeveral Ships and Effects belonging to the Genoeſe have been taken by his Majeſty's Ships of War, and no Proceedings have been hitherto had in order to the trying and condemning the ſame as lawful Prize —— His Majeſty is therefore pleaſed, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, that his Advocate, Attorney, and Sollicitor General, do prepare a Draught of a Commiſſion to authorize the Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. or the Commiſſioners for executing that Office for the Time being, to will and require the High Court of Admiralty of England, and the Lieutenant and Judge of the ſaid Court and his Surrogate, as alſo the ſeveral Courts of Admiralty within his Majeſty's Dominions, to take Cognizance of, and judicially to proceed upon, all, and all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprizals, of all Ships and Goods already ſeized and taken, and which hereafter ſhall be ſeized and taken from the ſaid Republick of Genoa, and to hear and determine the ſame, and according to the Courſe of Admiralty and Laws of Nations, to adjudge and condemn all ſuch Ships, Veſſels and Goods, as ſhall belong to the ſaid Republick of Genoa, or the Vaſſals and Subjects belonging thereto, or to any other inhabiting within any of the Countries, Territories, and Dominions of the ſaid Republick, and all ſuch other Ships, Veſſels and Goods as are, or ſhall be, liable to Confiſcation, purſuant to the reſpective Treaties between his Majeſty and other Princes, States and Potentates —— And that they do preſent the ſaid Draught of a Commiſſion to his Majeſty at this Board, for his Royal Approbation.

William Sharpe.

His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to appoint the following Sheriffs, viz.

Buckinghamſhire, Thomas Turney of Surcott, *Eſq*;.
Cheſhire, Edward Green of Poulton, *Eſq*;.
Derbyſhire, John Harpur of Littleover, *Eſq*;.
Eſſex, Bailey Heath of Stanſted, *Eſq*;.
Norfolk, William Jermey of Baiſeild, *Eſq*;.
Suſſex, George Luxford of Windmill Hill, *Eſq*;.
Yorkſhire, William Thompſon of Humbleton, *Eſq*;.

SOUTH-WALES.

Glamorgan, John Mathew of Brinwhith, *Eſq*;.
Brecon, David Davies of Maeſcar, *Eſq*;.
Radnor, John Warter of Gladeſtry, *Eſq*;.

NORTH-WALES.

Carnarvon, Chriſtopher Buttler of Llysffaen, *Eſq*;.

Prince's Council Chamber, Somerſet Houſe, February 12, 1747.

His Royal Highneſs hath been pleaſed to appoint *Edmund Cheney*, of *Launceſton*, Eſq; to be Sheriff of the County of *Cornwall* for the Year enſuing.

Extract

Extract of a Letter of the 29th of January 1747, from Mr. Henry Thompſon, Agent for Priſoners of War at Kinſale, to the Commiſſioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen, &c.

GReat is my Concern to render you the Account of the melancholy Accident which has happened here.

The Night before laſt, between the Hours of Eleven and Twelve, an accidental Fire broke out in the Back-return of the large old Priſon, in the lower Apartment, which ſo quickly communicated the Flames, the Whole was on a Blaze in a few Moments, and all Endeavours to extinguiſh it timely proved vain; the major Part of the Priſoners being aſleep, many, alas too many, have periſhed.

I was my ſelf, as uſual, the Cloſe of the Evening, in thoſe Apartments, and repeated my Caution and Orders to have the Fire and Lights all out at Eight; at Eleven, the Turnkey was his Rounds, and every Thing very ſafe and orderly, and had not many Minutes returned to his Room, when the dreadful Alarm was given; when I immediately run into the Priſon, and ſeeing the Flames ſo far advanced, endeavoured to ſave as many Souls as poſſible, by opening the Priſon Doors, and ordering them all to follow me into the Street, to the Number of near Six Hundred; being aſſiſted with the Guards, they were conducted to the other Caſtle Priſon, without the Eſcape, as I believe, of a ſingle Man.

This done, all Endeavours were then uſed to ſubdue the Fire, and ſave, if poſſible, the adjoyning large Priſon; for indeed ſuch a Storm of Wind and Rain I ſcarce ever have ſeen; and the Sparks and Flames flew ſo far, I expected one Quarter of the Town would have been laid in Aſhes, and my own Houſe not a Hundred Yards off.

I as early as poſſible ſent and acquainted Mr. Fearne of my Misfortune, to whom the Town, as well as me, owns the greateſt Obligations, for by his Direction, and Aſſiſtance of his People and Water Engines, incredible Damages were in a great Meaſure prevented.

The Officers Priſon joyning the ſaid Back-return, was on Fire, and is partly pulled down, but extinguiſh'd by Six in the Morning; the large Priſon Roof much damaged, &c. the Particulars of which hope you'll now pardon me, being greatly diſordered from the Injuries I that unhappy Night received, but have this pleaſing Conſolation, let what will happen to me, that I was Inſtrumental in ſaving many Lives, at the utmoſt Peril of my own.

Yeſterday Morning I called out all theſe Priſoners into an open Field, where I kept them ſome Hours to air them, being a fine Day; and upon a correct Muſter, 54 were miſſing, which I believe all periſhed; and 25 were that Night conveyed to Hoſpitals, with broken Limbs, ſcorched and burnt; already 39 Remains of Bodies are found in the Ruins, and interred; the reſt not yet come at, or quite conſumed. Shall tranſmit you a further Account ſo ſoon as poſſible I can collect my Books and Papers, which were diſconcerted in order to be ſaved.

The incloſed Letter from my Body of Priſoners will, I hope, convince you I was not inactive upon this melancholy Occaſion.

Copy of the Letter mentioned in the laſt Paragraph.

Monſieur,

TOUT icy nous convie à vous aſſurer de nos très humble Reſpects, et vous donner des Marques, par nos foibles Remerciments, de nôtre Reconnoiſſance pour le Service ſignalé que nous avons reçu de vous. Vous avez agi avec nous en Pere, permettez que nous vous rendions la Repreſaille en Enfants reconnoiſſants, et Biens nés. Nous vous devons la Vie, et nous ſommes incapables dans l'Etat preſent de nos Affaires de voies rendre le reciproque du'n Preſent ſi pretieux; mais, Monſieur, ſoiez perſuadé que nous rendrons Comte en France, du Traitement humain que vous nous avez fait. Nous connoiſſons qu'un pareil Acte de Generoſité de vôtre Part, ne peut partir que d'une grande Ame; ainſy nous croïrions nous devoir taxer de la plus noire des Ingratitudes, ſi nous oublions un pareil Bienfait. Nous ne trempons nullement dans l'affreux Deſaſtre dont vous avez été le triſte Temoin auſſi bien que nous, et même nous l'abhorrons; un Portugais miſerable èn a ſeul été l'Auteur. Nous ne voulons point en faire Juſtice qu'il n'ait paru devant vous. Nous ſommes preſts a vous le livrer pour le punir ſelon ſon Crime, apres quoy nous vous ſupplions tous de nous le remettre, pour lui faire ſentir à notre Plaiſir, combien nous deteſtons un pareille Action.

L. Texier,
Marſeilles,
Pierre Ozon,
Bouvard,
Rene Griot,
Dominique,
Le Monnier,
Belgarde,

Au Nom de tous les Priſonniers.

Tranſlation of the aforegoing Letter.

Sir,

ALL here invite us to aſſure you, of our moſt humble Reſpects, and to give you Marks, by our poor Thanks, of our Acknowledgment for the ſignal Service we have received from you. You have behaved to us like a Father; permit us to make a Return like grateful and dutiful Children. We owe you our Lives, and are incapable, in the preſent State of our Affairs, to make you an equal Return for ſo precious a Preſent; But, Sir, be perſuaded we ſhall give an Account in France of the humane Treatment we have received from you. We are ſenſible that ſuch an Act of Generoſity on your Part can only ariſe from a Greatneſs of Soul: We alſo think, we ſhould be guilty of the blackeſt Ingratitude, if we ſhould forget ſuch a Benefit. We had not the leaſt Hand in the dreadful Diſaſter, you have unhappily been Witneſs to as well as we; and we utterly abhor it. A wicked Portugueſe was the ſole Author of it. We will not do Juſtice upon him for it, till he has appeared before you. We are ready to deliver him to you, to be puniſhed according to his Crime; after which, we all beg of you to return him to us, that he may be made ſenſible, in a Manner agreeable to our Inclination, how much we deteſt ſuch an Action.

In the Name of all the Priſoners.

Whitehall, February 13.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint his Grace the Duke of Bedford to be one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

The Anniverſary Meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Goſpel in Foreign Parts, will be held at the Veſtry Room belonging to the Church of St. Mary le Bow in Cheapſide, on Friday the 19th of this Inſtant February, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon; upon which Occaſion there will be a Sermon preached by the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of St. Aſaph.

Prayers will begin at Eleven of the Clock.

Navy-Office, Feb. 11, 1747.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Navy give Notice, that they will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as are deſirous to ſell and import the Stores under-mentioned for his Majeſty's Service, between Nine and Ten of the Clock each Morning, on the Days expreſſed againſt the ſame, that they may attend with their Propoſals at thoſe Times, viz.

Iron, Wedneſday March the 2d, 1747.
Dantzick Plank and Pruſſia Deals, Friday the 4th.
Norway Goods, Wedneſday the 9th.
Hemp, Friday the 11th.
Eaſt Country Tar, Wedneſday the 16th.
Riga Maſts, Friday the 18th.

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, That the Transfer Books for Bank Stock will be ſhut from Thurſday the 3d of March next, until Tueſday the 19th of April following.

Robert Lewin, *Secr.*

Mercers-Hall, London, Feb. 12, 1747.

The Annuitants and Creditors of the Mercers Company are deſired to meet a General Court of the ſaid Company at Mercers Hall, on Tueſday next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, on ſpecial Affairs.

Char. Crumpe.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majeſty's Sloop the Otter, who were at the taking the Volunteer de Granville and Marſhal Saxe Privateers, and the Young Catherine, a Dutch Hoy, that the whole of the Prize Money for the two firſt, and a Diſtribution in Part for the laſt, will be paid them on board on Tueſday the 23d Inſtant; and there will be a Recall the firſt Tueſday in every Month for three Years afterwards, at the Mitre Tavern in Duke's Place, London.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majeſty's Sloop Baltimore, that the Bounty Money for the Sea Nymph, a French Privateer, taken the 7th of July 1744, *will be paid at the King's Arms on Great Tower-hill, on Friday the* 11*th of March next; and ſuch Shares as are not then demanded, will be paid at the ſame Place the firſt Friday in every Month for three Years to come.*

Adverti ſements.

THIS is to give Notice, that his Majeſty hath been graciouſly pleaſed to give the Sum of One Hundred Guineas, to be Run for by Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, this Seaſon, as uſual, at each of the following Places, viz. Newmarket, Salisbury, Ipſwich, Guildford, Nottingham, Winchester, Lincoln, Black Hambleton, York, Lewes, and Berham Downs. The particular Days of Running at the above Places will be notified in the London Gazette at proper Times, by Order of his Grace the Duke of Richmond, &c. Maſter of the Horſe.

One Hundred Guineas in Specie, given by his Majeſty, will be run for at Newmarket, round the Heat's Courſe, on Thurſday the 14th Day of April next, 1748, by any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, being no more than ſix Years old the Graſs before, as muſt be certified under the Hand of the Breeder, carrying twelve Stone, three Heats round the Heat's Courſe; ſtarting and running every Heat the ſame Way as they do the firſt Heat, viz. leaving all the Poſts on the right Hand in every Heat.

Alſo One Hundred Guineas in Specie, given by his Majeſty will be run for at Newmarket, round the Heat's Courſe, on Friday the 15th of April next 1748, by Mares, being no more than five Years old the Graſs before, as muſt be certified under the Hand of the Breeder, carrying ten Stone, one Heat round the Heat's Courſe. To be ſhewn and entred at his Majeſty's Stables at Newmarket the Day before they run, between the Hours of One and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, with the Mark, Name, and Name of the Owner. And if any Difference ariſe either in their Entring or Running, the ſame to be determined by his Grace the Duke of Richmond, &c. Maſter of the Horſe, or whom he ſhall appoint, according to ſuch his Majeſty's Rules and Orders as will be there produced.

Dr. *ANDERSON*'s, or, The Famous *SCOTS* PILLS;

ARE faithfully prepared only by JAMES INGLISH, Son of DAVID INGLISH, deceaſed, at the Unicorn, over-againſt the New Church in the Strand, London; and to prevent Counterfeits from Scotland, as well as in and about London, you are deſired to take Notice, That the true Pills have their Boxes ſealed on the Top (in black Wax) with a Lyon Rampant, and Three Mullets Argent, Dr. Anderſon's Head betwixt I. I. with his Name round it, and Iſabella Engliſh underneath the Shield in a Scroll. They are of excellent Uſe in all Caſes where Purging is neceſſary, and may be taken with Epſom, Tunbridge, or other Medicinal Waters.

TO be peremptorily ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, on Wedneſday the 16th of March next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, before Francis Eld, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn in Chancery-lane, London, The Manors of Elborough and Ludwell, in the County of Somerſet, with divers Meſſuages and Lands thereto belonging, Part in Poſſeſſion, and the Remainder in Reverſion, of about 160 l. a Year, with the Alternate or third Turn to the Preſentation to the Church of Hutton, in the ſame County, late the Eſtate of William Roach, Cheeſe Factor, deceaſed. Particulars whereof to be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers.

TO be peremptorily ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Richard Edwards, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Chancery-lane, London, on Wedneſday the 2d Day of March next, between the Hours of Four and Six in the Afternoon, An Eſtate held by Leaſe under his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, conſiſting of a good Manſion Houſe, with the Offices and Appurtenances, called Laverton Farm, and 294 Acres of Land thereto belonging, lying in the Manor of Laverton, in the County of Somerſet, of the yearly Value of 150 l. or thereabouts, late the Eſtate of Thomas Walter, Clerk, deceaſed. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers.

TO be peremptorily ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, on Wedneſday the 23d of March next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, before Francis Eld, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn in Chancery-lane, London, The Real Eſtate late of Sir Richard Palgrave, Bart. deceaſed, ſituate at Norwood, Barningham, Palgrave, and other Places in the County of Norfolk, of the yearly Value in the whole of 650 l. or thereabouts. The ſaid Eſtate to be ſold in two ſeveral Lots. Particulars whereof are to be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers.

TO be ſold, purſuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery, before the Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Nathaniel Maccaſcree, late of Barbican, London, Armourer and Brazier, at Guildhall, London, on Thurſday the 25th Day of this Inſtant February, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, Several Meſſuages and Tenements ſituate in Barbican aforeſaid, held by ſeveral Leaſes from St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital and Chriſt's Hoſpital, for long Terms of Years yet to come, ſubject to Ground Rents payable to the ſaid Hoſpitals. Particulars whereof may be had of Mr. Charles Brown in Bucklersbury, Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſion, or of Mr. Robert Henſhaw in Alderſgate-ſtreet.

TO